

## **MINUTES**

### **Education Professions Committee Meeting**

#### **Date**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2016**

#### **Time**

**9:41 a.m.**

#### **Location**

**Room 101, Rutledge Building  
1429 Senate Street  
Columbia, SC 29201**

***Dr. Rhonda Edwards, Committee Chair  
Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent  
Staff Liaison to the Committee***

### **I. Welcome and Determination of a Quorum**

Dr. Rhonda Edwards attended meeting via telephone. Dr. Edwards welcomed everyone to the Education Professions (EP) Committee.

State Board of Education (SBE) committee members in attendance were Gerald Reeves, Fourth Judicial Circuit, and Renee Hembree, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit. A quorum was present.

Attending on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) were Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent, Division for Federal, State, and Community Resources; Tammy Jeffers, Minutes Taker, Division for Federal, State, and Community Resources; Kathy McCoy, Administrative Assistant, Office of Educator Services, Division for Federal, State, and Community Resources; Rachel Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division for Federal, State, and Community Resources; and Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division for Federal, State, and Community Resources.

### **II. Recognition of Visitors and News Media**

Visitors in attendance were Toni Chewning, Palmetto State Teachers Association, and George Metze, University of South Carolina Beaufort.

### **III. Approval of Committee Minutes for January 13, 2016**

Mr. Reeves made a motion to approve the minutes for January 13, 2016. Ms. Hembree seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**IV. Approval of Committee Agenda for February 10, 2016**

Mr. Reeves made a motion to approve the agenda for February 10, 2016. Ms. Hembree seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**V. Public Comment Period**

No one signed up for public comment.

**VI. Board Items**

**FOR APPROVAL**

- 01. Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendation for One New Committee Member**—Rachel Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

The PRC has had a vacant seat for a PK-12 educator since June 2015. Matthew Johnson expressed interest in serving on the PRC. Mr. Johnson is a third-grade teacher at Boiling Springs Elementary School. The PRC considered the new member recommendation on January 8, 2016, and recommended Mr. Johnson be approved to serve on the PRC for the next three years.

Mr. Reeves made a motion to approve this item. Ms. Hembree seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 02. Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendation for a New Educator Preparation Program at Winthrop University**—Rachel Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

The Office of Educator Services processed a new program proposal from Winthrop University for an Ed.S. in Educational Leadership beginning Summer 2016. The Commission on Higher Education (CHE) approved the program proposal in November 2015. The proposal then underwent a peer review for certification purposes and was deemed sufficient quality to support the establishment of the new program. The PRC considered this proposal on January 8, 2016, and recommended the program for approval.

Mr. Reeves made a motion to approve this item. Ms. Hembree seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**03. Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendation for Accreditation Decisions of Three Educator Preparation Units**—Rachel Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Three educator preparation units underwent an on-site legacy accreditation review by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Benedict College was granted continuing accreditation at the initial level until spring 2017. The unit at Charleston University was granted continuing accreditation at the initial and advanced levels until spring 2022. The unit at the University of South Carolina Beaufort was granted continuing accreditation at the initial level until spring 2022.

On January 8, 2016, the PRC considered the NCATE-legacy recommendations and recommended all three institutions for approval.

Mr. Reeves made a motion to approve this item. Ms. Hembree seconded the motion. The motion carried.

<b>VII. Consent Agenda</b>
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EP-01, EP-02, and EP-03 were placed on the consent agenda.

<b>VIII. Other Business</b>
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Dr. Edwards requested Mr. Reeves present the Committee Chair report to the SBE for her.

<b>IX. Adjournment</b>
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The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.